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## Hendra Virus and Nipah Virus Therapy and Vaccine

Hendra virus (HeV) and Nipah virus (NiV) are highly pathogenic bat-borne paramyxoviruses, which emerged in the 1990s causing disease outbreaks in livestock and people, are important trans-boundary biological threats. HeV appeared in Australia and since 1994 there have been 59 spillover events and more than 100 horse deaths, and 4 of 7 human case fatalities. NiV first appeared in Malaysia and subsequent outbreaks have occurred in Bangladesh and India, totaling >600 human cases with fatality rates from 40–100%. A human monoclonal antibody targeting the viral G glycoprotein has been shown to be an effective post-exposure treatment against HeV and NiV in animals and has been used in 15 individuals by emergency protocol. A subunit vaccine based on the HeV G glycoprotein can provide complete protection against HeV or NiV infection in several animal models, and a vaccine (Equivac® HeV) is now available in Australia to protect horses from HeV infection.

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